

divisional of United States Patent Application No. 08/861,280, filed on May 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,950,304, which is in turn a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 08/319,966, filed on October 7, 1994, now United States Patent No. 5,685,885. United States Patent Application No. 08/319,966 is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 08/030,194, filed April 28, 1993 as the national phase of International Application PCT/US91/06920 filed September 24, 1991. Said 08/030,194 application, now United States Patent No. 5,679,977, was in turn a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 07/765,928, filed September 24, 1991, now United States Patent No. 5,347,159. Said United States Patent Application No. 07/765,928 was a continuation in part of United States Patent Application No. 07/673,020, filed March 21, 1991, now United States Patent No. 5,148,265 and said United States Patent Application No. 07/765,928 was a continuation in part of United States Patent Application No. 07/586,758, filed September 24, 1990, now United States Patent No. 5,148,266. Said United States Patent Application No. 08/030,194 is also a continuation in part of said United States Patent Application Nos. 07/586,758 and 07/673,020.

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Page 1, line 9, delete "TECHNICAL FIELD" and insert
--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 6, line 9, change "sulder" to --solder--.

Page 12, line 24, change "thermolcompression" to
--thermocompression--.

Page 18, line 13, delete "." and insert therefore

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Figs. 31, 32 and 33 are diagrammatic, perspective views depicting further embodiments according to the invention.--

Page 33, line 23, change "center-to-center" to
--center-to-center--.

REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment amends the title and the abstract to more accurately describe the scope of the presently claimed invention, and amends the specification to correct typographical errors and to reference prior copending nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.78 (a)(2). The present preliminary amendment should be entered because it is fully supported by the specification and introduces no new matter.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.607(c)

Claims 1-34 interfere with Claims 1-36 of U.S. Patent No. 6,049,129.

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